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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

On March 24, 2004, Applicants' representative conducted a telephone conference with Examiner Christopher M. Swickhamer. During the telephone conference, Examiner Swickhamer agreed he would consider Applicants' specification amendment, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the specification of the application as follows: